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## CELEBRATE JULY 4th INDEPENDENCE DAY IN STOCKTON Downtown Parade and Weber Point Fireworks Viewing

(Stockton, CA) - Bring the entire family and celebrate July 4, 2016 – Independence Day – in downtown Stockton. Weber Point Events Center will open to the public the evening of July 4th, inviting the community to gather and view a fireworks show on the downtown Stockton Waterfront. Start the day early by enjoying a parade in the morning. Admission is free.

The morning of July 4th, enjoy a special downtown parade organized by local veterans' groups and the Karl Ross Post. The parade is scheduled to begin at 10:00 a.m., with street closures beginning at 9:30 a.m. Portions of Weber Avenue, El Dorado Street, Fremont Street, and Center Street will be closed for the parade route and will re-open at noon.

The gates to the Weber Point Events Center will open at 6:30 p.m. The fireworks show is expected to begin at approximately 9:30 p.m. and last about 15 minutes. The Weber Point Events Center will close immediately following the fireworks show. Bring blankets, lawn chairs, and picnic style dinners. Food trucks and vendors will be on-site for the purchase of specialty foods and refreshments. For more family fun, Weber Point's interactive water fountain will be in operation until 8:30 p.m. Alcohol, BBQs, hard coolers, personal fireworks, and pets will not be permitted. Attendees will enter through security

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gates where security and law enforcement personnel will uphold restrictions.

The Weber Point Events Center parking lot will be reserved for food truck vendors and will not be available for event parking. Parking for those attending events will be onstreet or in City lots; parking fees apply in City lots. All posted parking limitations and restrictions will apply.

The opening of the Weber Point Events Center and return of a waterfront July 4th celebration in downtown Stockton has been made possible through funding approved by the Stockton City Council. The fireworks display is provided by the Stockton Ports; the team enhances its display from the Stockton Ballpark at Banner Island on July 4th for increased visibility and the enjoyment of the community. This year's fireworks display was also made possible by generous donations from the community.

For additional information, please contact the City of Stockton's Community Services

Department at (209) 937-8206 or visit <a href="https://www.stocktonca.gov/specialevents">www.stocktonca.gov/specialevents</a>.

For Stockton Ports Baseball game and ticket information, please visit <a href="https://www.stocktonports.com">www.stocktonports.com</a> or call (209) 644-1900.

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